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Honorable Arthur Ravenel, Jr.
Member, House of Representatives
640 Federal Building
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

Dear Congressman Ravenel:

This is in reply to your letter of May 19, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Edmund D. Duckett, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

/s/

Joseph A. Levin
Chief, Policy & Planning Branch
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May 19, 1993

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RE: Mr. Edmund D. Duckett
725 Oak Marsh Drive
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

Dear Ms. Belvin,

I am enclosing a copy of self-explanatory correspondence pertaining to my constituent's request that PR DOCKET 92-235 is not approved. He is concerned that these rules would greatly reduce the number of frequencies currently assigned for model use and would increase the risk of accidents.

I would appreciate your checking into this matter and forwarding your response to my Charleston office. If you have any questions or need further information, please call.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

With every good wish,


Arthur Ravenel, Jr.

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May 17, 1993
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The Honorable Arthur Ravenel, Jr.
Federal Building
334 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Dear Mr. Ravenel

I am a seventy-one year old retiree and an active member in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model sailboats.

We are very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR DOCKET 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the number of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling craft.

Our frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan.

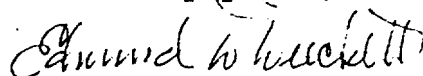
When we control our models boats under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure safety of the operators and bystanders and protection of the expensive boats. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of radio frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety significantly decreased.

Please be aware that our boats are expensive to build and many hours of labor have gone into their construction. The hobby can be seriously jeopardized if radio control is lost due to interference.

I do not think it is wise for the FCC to seek to increase the operating frequencies of land mobile radio users at the expense of thousands of radio control modelers. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself, and the adoption of this regulation would severely impact the use and enjoyment of the recreational hobby.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of the my pastime by disapproving PR Docket 92-235.

Sincerely yours,



Edmund D. Duckett